Tree Preservation Order
Stones Wood, Wortley S35 7DN

The Woodland
Proposed work in outline.
To undertake maintenance work on various trees with the intention of creating a safe environment, and also a glade to encourage native wild flowers. All brashings will be laid in habitats to encourage invertebrates and small mammals. All timber removed will be used as bio-mass fuel. Brambles in the glade will be removed by hand. Native wild flowers will be introduced as suitable, especially those encouraging bumblebees, e.g. foxgloves and bluebells

Tree Number		Action proposed		Justification/Reason
7		Two Stems of a Birch Tree to be felled		One stem is dying and if only that stem was removed it would leave the other leaning towards our house; and inherently unstable.
8		4 stemmed Birch to be felled		This tree is dying and is near to the end of its life. Fell; to make it safe
9		Oak, work to ensure its survival		This oak is a mature tree and is showing signs of severe dieback. There needs to be some intervention to ensure that it survives. The arboriculturist we employ is a keen conservationist and will advise on the amount of work to be done. It is not intended to fell this tree, except in extremis

Garden

The TPO was imposed on this woodland at the request of myself and my wife as we were concerned about a new owner wishing to fell trees on a wide scale in the rest of the woodland. At the time of the TPO being implemented, the then Tree Officer of BMBC apologised that he had to include our garden in the order, but stated that his map was out of date. The rest of these works are all in the garden area. This piece of land has been a garden for at least 40 years. Over the years, the trees have grown to such an extent that both the house and garden are too heavily shaded. There is also some aesthetic aspects of the application in that the trees are unsightly

1		Decorative Cherry, to be pruned		Damaged by the severe frost of 2010/11 this tree is now out of shape and reluctant to flower. Prune to reshape and encourage better flowering.
2		Spruce, to fell		Very close to the house and shading part of the property, this Spruce is now unsightly as it is bare in parts
3		Holly, to coppice		To provide shelter for birds and small mammals and to reduce shade on the garden
4		Spruce, to fell		Is damaging the retaining walls. It is now a very large tree on shallow soil and shades out the garden to a very large extent. Removal of this tree will make the area safer, i.e. in guarding against a fall It will also open out the garden for wildlife, allow

				light to penetrate to the house and permit other plants to grow
5		Spruce, to fell		Weak specimen that is Shading the hedge and garden
6		Spruce, to fell		Shading the hedge and garden, This tree is particularly weak and spindly

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